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ORD # 3041-67

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Research and Development

SUBJECT : Additional Guidance - [REDACTED] 25X1

REFERENCE S : ORD No. 1370-67; TSD Memorandum:
Gottlieb to [REDACTED] (ORD Ref. No. 2047-67) 25X1

1. Since the exchange of memoranda referenced above (information copies attached), further talks between TSD and ORD personnel have indicated that some additional guidance from TSD is germane and necessary. This is particularly warranted in light of the PPB and ORD views that insufficient justification for continuance of any effort exists under present circumstances.

2. Although TSD's reply to the use of [REDACTED] platforms 25X1 was intended to relate only to further R&D aimed specifically at producing more sophisticated systems, it was not intended to convey that no continuing work of any sort should be undertaken. On the contrary, we feel that, ultimately, some aspects and configurations of the [REDACTED] 25X1 project will probably be operationally applied. Achievement of this goal requires, in our view, a period of time during which we can expose operational personnel to the platforms under simulated mission conditions. This would permit familiarization first-hand with the capabilities of the platforms and implanted hardware, and it would allow more thorough exploration of operational potentials. To these ends we would recommend that ORD sustain basic capabilities through maintenance of the current status of the platforms already instrumented. Such program of maintenance would not only permit the above ends to be achieved, but would also permit exploration of other aspects as detailed below.

3. The utilization of [REDACTED] as short-range agent commu- 25X1
nication platforms seems a distinct possibility as contrasted with their utilization as audio surveillance systems. Further exploration of this operational potential is desired by TSD and would be permitted under the maintenance arrangement proposed above.

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